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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Chelan County

In August 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program placed the registration and certification of certified nursing assistant **Bryan Jay Maughan** (NA00086334, NC60112951) on probation for three years. He tested positive for amphetamines, methamphetamines, hydrocodone, and oxycodone during a drug test, and dispensed medication without proper delegation. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his credentials.

Cowlitz County

In August 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged **Laurie Rust-Ledford** (CP00004319) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to cooperate during an investigation about a glass smoking pipe that she says she uses to smoke her prescribed Ritalin.

Grant County

In August 2010 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy assistant and pharmacy technician **Michael R. Bernard** (VB60023576, VA60067886) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly diverted controlled substances from his place of employment, and failed to cooperate during an investigation of the matter.

King County

In August 2010 the Medical Commission amended the statement of charges against physician **Robert G. Haining** (MD00008934). He allegedly failed to appropriately monitor and treat patients creating an unreasonable risk of harm, and violated the standard of care.

In August 2010 the Massage Practitioner Program charged **Hosea Immanueal** (MA60036633) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In August 2010 the Secretary of Health charged physician **Geoffrey A. MacPherson** (MD00011292) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In August 2010 the Nursing Commission placed the license of registered nurse **Erika I. Moorhouse** (RN00118811) on probation for two years. She failed to adequately assess a patient after the patient had fallen in the bathroom. It was later found the patient had broken his hip when he fell. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Kitsap County

In August 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Rejoice T. Bokuku** (NA60029497, NC60041703) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly received a picture of a naked patient, and failed to report it to Department of Social and Health Services.

Lewis County

In August 2010 the Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program charged emergency medical technician **Jerry L. Griffin, Jr.** (ES01172943) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of child molestation, and tampering with a witness.

Pierce County

In August 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Tena K. Bremmeyer** (CO60153438) and placed her certification on probation for two years. She was convicted of bank embezzlement, possession of stolen property, possession of a short-barreled shotgun, possession of a firearm, and assault — domestic violence. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In August 2010 the Nursing Commission placed restrictions against the license of registered nurse **Kristie L. Choate** (RN00099450), also known as Kristie Lynn Bracking. She was convicted of unlawful solicitation to possess a controlled substance. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In August 2010 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program placed the license of paramedic **Timothy R. Devenny** (ES00119667) on probation for 60 months. He

reported to work highly intoxicated, and tested positive for alcohol during a urinalysis. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In August 2010 the Dental Commission amended the statement of charges against a dentist with a general anesthesia permit **Walter F. Foto** (DE00008264, GA10000320). His care allegedly fell below the standard when treating patients and maintaining the patient records.

In August 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Rebecca L. Nelson** (NA60085173). She was convicted of possession of stolen property, and unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

In August 2010 the Registered Counselor and Chemical Dependency Professional Programs terminated the order of probation against **Leah S. Niccolucci** (RC00055984, CP60097351).

In August 2010 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractic x-ray technician **Shawn D. Ostrander** (CX00000902) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of assault — domestic violence on more than one occasion, and driving under the influence.

Snohomish County

In August 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Sean T. Demirel** (NC60159847) and placed conditions against his certification. He was convicted of furnishing liquor to minor/possession on more than one occasion, theft, and minor intoxicated in public. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In July 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Timothy Lloyd Sweeney** (NA60157431). His license to practice as a licensed practical nurse was indefinitely suspended.

Spokane County

In August 2010 the Agency Affiliated Counselor Program modified an agreement to practice with conditions and placed the license of **Eric Wayne Cook** (CG60152071) on probation for two years. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In August 2010 the Nursing Commission placed the license of registered nurse **Melody Weaver** (RN00105048) on probation for two years. She failed to administer, document administration, or document wastage of hydromophone to a number of patients. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In August 2010 the Nursing Commission granted the application of registered nurse **Kendra Joyce Rechtschaffen** (RN60075265) and placed conditions against her license. She was convicted of reckless driving, and driving under the influence on more than one occasion. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Thurston County

In August 2010 the Nursing Commission denied the reactivation application of licensed practical nurse **Bradley A. Sprouse** (LP00055912). He was convicted of identity theft, theft on more than one occasion, assault, possession of stolen property while on community custody, forgery, and violation of a no contact, protection or restraining order — domestic violence.

Yakima County

In August 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program terminated the order of probation against **Brittany Corinne Schill** (CP60067924).

Out of State

Alaska: In August 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registration of **Jessica L. Davidson** (NA00194610).

Colorado: In August 2010 the Medical Commission charged physician **Yaron J. Lidor** (MD00048575) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly entered into an inappropriate relationship with a patient.

Oregon: In August 2010 the Nursing Commission terminated the order of probation against the license of registered nurse **Norman E. Ryerson** (RN00159090).

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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